

Application Serial No. 10/732,753
Amendment dated December 13, 2005
Reply to Official Action of September 13, 2005

Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached sheets of drawings include changes to Figures 1, 1A, 3 and 4. The sheet which includes Figures 1, 1A and 1B, replaces the original sheet containing those Figures. No changes have been made to Figure 1B. The sheet containing Figures 3 and 4, replaces the original sheet containing those Figures. Element No. 29 has been added to Figures 1, 1A, 3 and 4.

Attachments: Replacement sheets

Annotated sheets showing changes

REMARKS

Claims 1 -51 are pending in the subject application. Claims 1-6, 16-21, 28-32, 37, 50 and 51 are allowed. Claims 14, 15, 23-27, 35, and 36 have been objected to. Claims 7-13, 22, 33, 34, and 38-49 stand rejected.

To advance the subject application to an early allowance, Applicant has added independent claim 52 which corresponds to original claim 14 rewritten in independent form. New claims 53 and 54 depend from claim 52. Claims 12-15 have been canceled without disclaimer and/or prejudice. New claim 55 corresponds to original claim 23 rewritten in independent form. Claims 56-59 depend from claim 55. Claims 22-27 have been canceled without disclaimer and/or prejudice. New claim 60 corresponds to original claim 35 rewritten in independent form. Claims 61 and 62 depend from claim 60. Claims 33-36 have been canceled without disclaimer and/or prejudice. Applicant has also canceled claims 7-11 and 38-49 without disclaimer and/or prejudice and intends to file a continuation application containing those or similar claims. The action of canceling these claims from this application should in no way be interpreted as acquiesce on Applicant's part to any of the statements and rejections made in the Official Action.

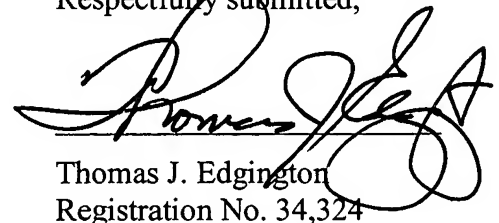
Also in the present Amendment, Applicant has amended the specification to identify the channel recited in the application as originally filed with element number 29. Applicant also proposes to amend Figures 1, 1A, 3 and 4 to insert that element number. Applicant respectfully requests permission to make such amendments and submits that such amendments better conform the specification to the drawings. No new matter has been added.

Applicant submits that all of the pending claims are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections in the Official Action and passage to allowance of all the pending claims at an early date are earnestly solicited. However, if the

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Examiner has any remaining concerns regarding Applicant's present Amendment, she is invited to contact the Applicant's undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below so that those concerns may be expeditiously addressed.

Respectfully submitted,

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APPENDIX

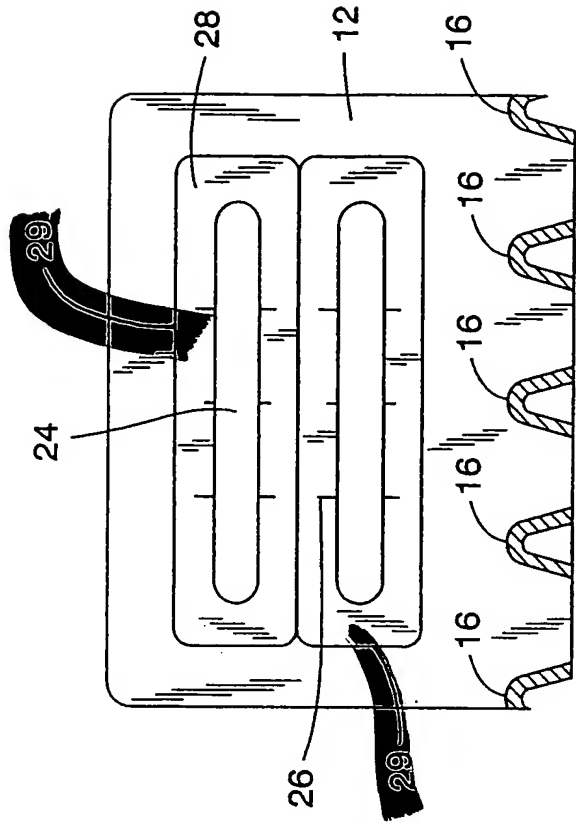


Fig. 1A

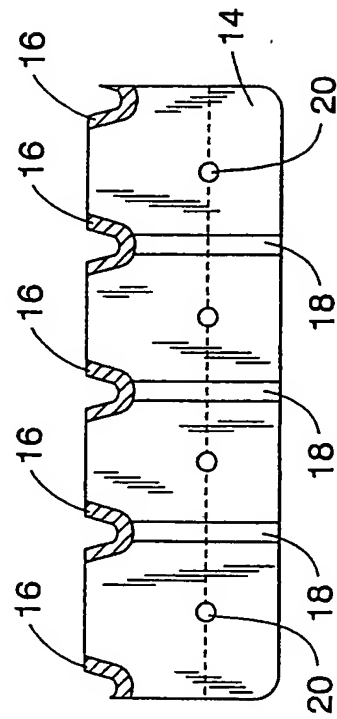


Fig. 1B

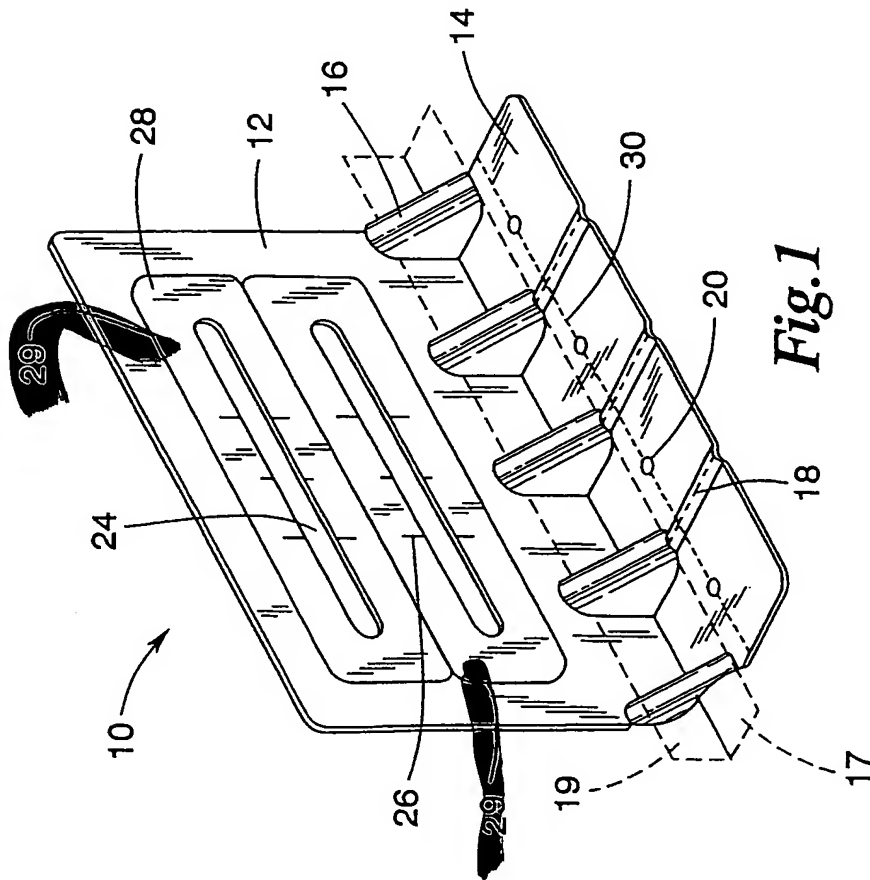


Fig. 1

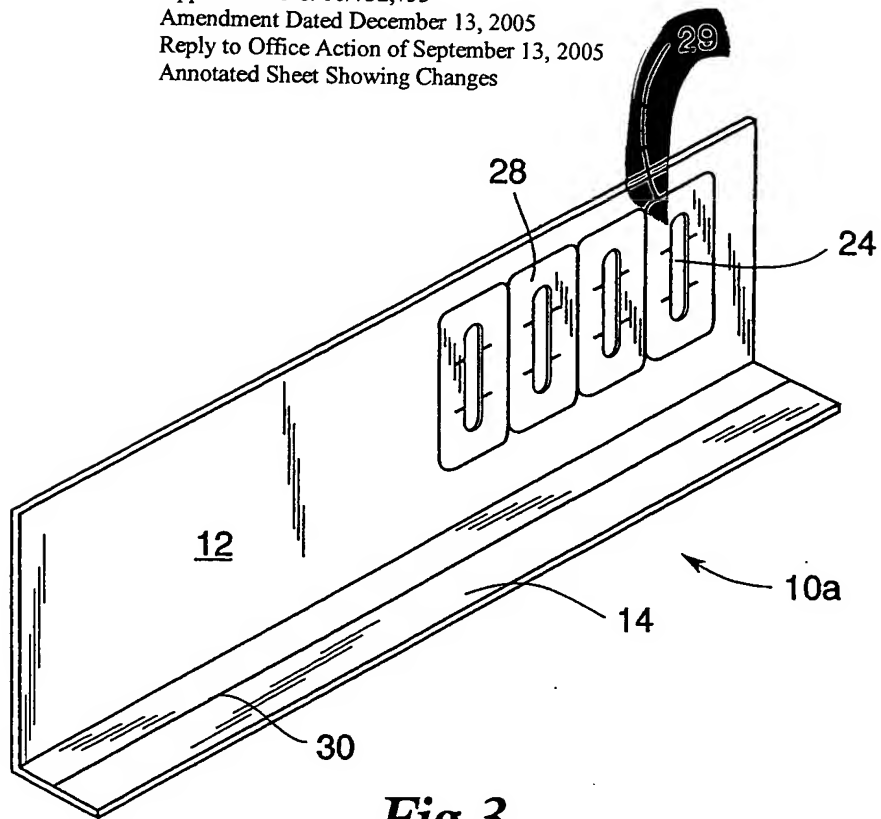


Fig. 3

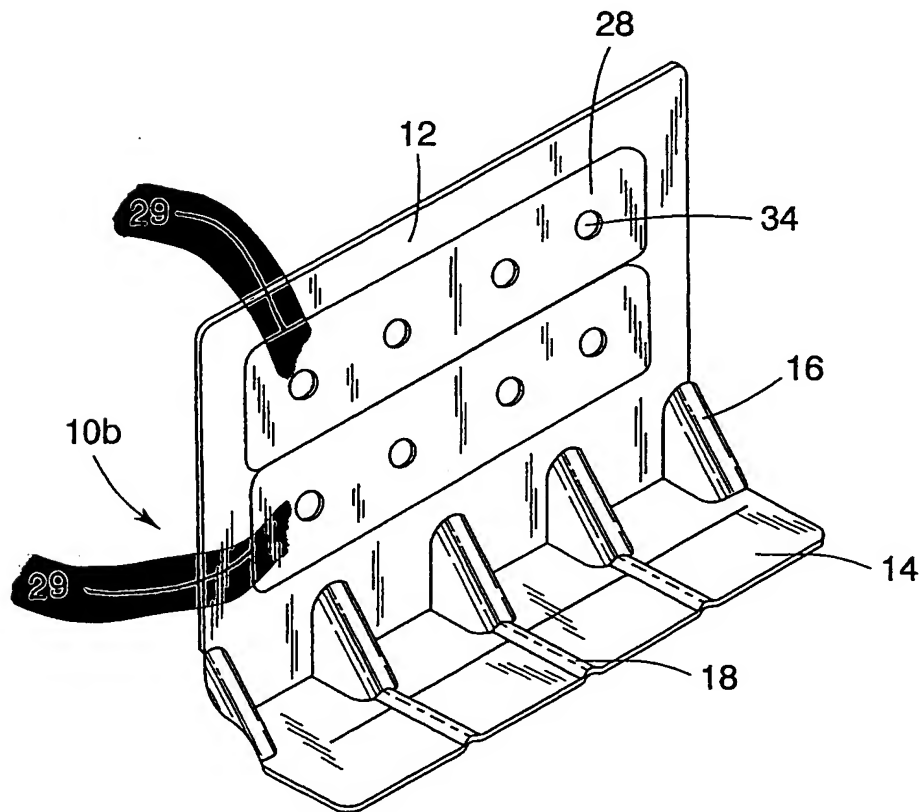


Fig. 4